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President Donald Trump, shown during a visit to the U.S.-Mexico border wall in Alamo, Texas, on Tuesday, was impeached Wednesday. DELCIA LOPEZ/THE MONITOR VIA AP

Kentucky's congressmen cast votes along party lines

McConnell says he hasn't made a final decision

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Kentucky's sole Democrat in Congress was its only representative to vote to impeach President Donald Trump in the House of Representatives' historic vote Wednesday.

The commonwealth's five Republican representatives, James Comer, Brett Guthrie, Thomas Massie, Andy Barr and Hal Rogers, all voted against the second impeachment of the president in what was ultimately a 232-197 vote largely along party lines throughout the Democrat-controlled House.

Rep. John Yarmuth voted along with his Democratic colleagues and 10 Republicans in favor of the impeachment

charging the president with inciting an insurrection at the Capitol on Jan. 6.

The article of impeachment will now head to the Senate for a trial or dismissal, though the trial likely won't start until after Trump leaves office.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., "believes President Trump committed impeachable offenses," The New York Times reported, but the leader told his Republican colleagues Wednesday he hasn't made a final decision.

"I intend to listen to the legal arguments when they are presented to the Senate," he said.

Following the House's vote, McConnell released a statement saying the Senate process will begin at its first regular meeting following receipt of the impeachment article, which will

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10 House Republicans join effort to remove president

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WASHINGTON — A majority of the U.S. House voted to impeach President Donald Trump for a second time, just a week after he encouraged loyalists to "fight like hell" against election results — a speech that was followed by a mob of his supporters storming the U.S. Capitol.

The House voted 232 to 197 to approve an article of impeachment for "incitement of insurrection." Ten Republicans voted for impeachment.

During debate on the articles of impeachment, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi asked Republicans and Democrats to "search their souls" ahead of the historic afternoon vote. Trump would be the first American president to be impeached twice.

Trump "must go," Pelosi said. "He is

a clear and present danger to the nation we all love."

Actual removal seems unlikely before the Jan. 20 inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden. A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the Republican leader would not agree to bring the chamber back immediately, all but ensuring a Senate trial could not begin at least until Jan. 19.

Still, McConnell did not rule out voting to convict Trump in the event of a trial. In a note to his fellow Republican senators just before the House was to begin voting, he said he is undecided.

But momentum for action in the House was unstoppable.

The impeachment proceedings came one week after a violent, pro-Trump mob breached the U.S. Capitol, sending lawmakers into hiding and revealing the fragility of the nation's history of

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